

# PARENT PLANNER

## TERM 1 2026



### WELCOME TO TERM 1

Welcome to Term 1! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Our focus for this year is to support your child in becoming an independent and responsible learner, while guiding them in making thoughtful and responsible choices.

We can't wait for an exciting year ahead! On the following pages you will find information and reminders for Term 1. If you have any questions throughout the year please reach out to your child's teacher.

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# ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be at school every day unless they are sick.

Parents are asked to record absences via the Compass Parent Portal, email the school email account, call the office or provide a note explaining the reason for the absence.

# UNIFORM

Uniform must be worn in full every day.

Students not in uniform may be asked to change at the office in the morning. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website.

Our uniform supplier is PSW. You can shop in Campbellfield, online, arrange home delivery or click and collect.

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/wallan-primary-school.html>

Families may choose to purchase generic uniforms from department stores.

# LATE ARRIVALS

School gates open at 8:30am and classrooms are open at 8.45am. Students are expected to be at school on time, every day, to ensure they do not miss the beginning of the learning focus.

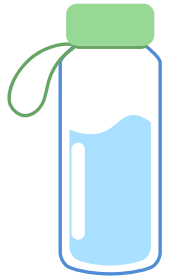
If your child is late to school, a parent/guardian must walk them to the office and sign them in.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## WATER BOTTLES

Students are required to bring their own water bottle and water can be consumed at any time during the day.

Food and non water drinks can only be consumed at designated eating times.



## SUN SMART

Wide brimmed, legionaries or bucket hats must be worn from 15th August to 30th April. Generic hats can be worn as long as they are a sun smart style – no caps. Students without hats must stay under shaded areas.

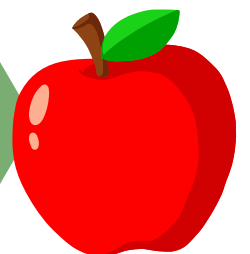
Staff are expected to model sun smart behaviours at all times. Sun cream is encouraged but must be applied by students independently.



## HEALTHY SNACK

Healthy snacks can be consumed in the classroom at a suitable time, decided upon by the teacher.

Healthy snacks include fruit and vegetables that can be eaten easily whilst students work.



# VISUAL ART

This term in Art, Year 1 students will explore a variety of art materials and try new ways to create and express their ideas. They will experiment with shapes, colours and textures while developing confidence in their skills. Students will also learn about Lunar New Year (Chinese New Year) and engage with art and cultural experiences from different people and communities through hands-on activities. Please remember to bring in a clearly named art smock for those messy lessons.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The focus in PE for this term is leaping and kicking.

Students will be learning how to perform a leap through an array of games and skill based activities. Later in the term, students will begin learning how to kick by playing soccer like games and practising an assortment of kicking drills.



# SPECIALISTS

## BUSH

This term we will be looking at several multicultural celebrations that are celebrated by our students, including Waitangi Day, Holi, St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day, Ramadan and Eid. We will also be talking about fire safety, Sunsmart, and worm farms and compost heaps. We will also be participating in Clean Up Australia Day.



## AUSLAN



This term, students will explore Australian Sign Language through fun activities. They will practice signing the alphabet and colours, and take part in group tasks that help them communicate and build confidence.

## PERFORMING ARTS

This term, students are working in groups to create and perform their own stories. They will explore drama through voice, movement, and facial expression, using their creativity to bring ideas to life. Along the way, students will build confidence, collaborate with others, and present their work to peers in a fun, engaging, and inclusive way.

# THIS TERM IN.....



## NUMERACY

This term in Numeracy, students will explore key concepts including location, using positional language such as between, on, in front of, and behind. They will investigate patterns and sequences by making and explaining colour and picture patterns, as well as explore number patterns through practising skip counting. Students will also learn informal measurement of length and partition one- and two-digit numbers to understand tens and ones (for example, recognising that 25 is made up of 2 tens and 5 ones). These concepts will be taught through hands-on activities that support students to apply their learning.



## CORE LITERACY

During Core Literacy, we will be building on our knowledge of the 44 sounds of the English language and the principles of the alphabetic code (that each speech sound can be represented by different groups of letters) in seven carefully sequenced stages. We start with teaching and revising the simple code, focusing on phonics and phonemic awareness to build the strongest foundations for reading and spelling success. This term, we will start to build on our vowel sound knowledge by learning the digraphs that make the long a, e, i and o sounds through daily exposure and practice.



## ENGLISH

In English, we will focus on building vocabulary and oral language skills to develop equally strong foundations for comprehension and writing. We will investigate sentence features to deepen our understanding of sentence structure, such as the use of different punctuation and the elements needed for a sentence to be a complete thought, including a subject and a predicate. We will be exposed to rich texts such as *A Year on Our Farm* by Penny Matthews, *Ausk Aunty: Seasons* by Aunty Munya Andrews, and a collection of Aesop's fables. In these lessons, we will look at the structure of these texts, vocabulary and supporting texts to deepen our understanding.



## INQUIRY

In Inquiry this term, students will explore how music and sound can bring communities together. They will investigate the impacts of adding sound to stories and act as Foley artists to bring stories to life through sound. Students will explore different instruments and tools for making sound. They will learn different ways to tell stories, including through animation, picture storybooks, and live performances.

# SPECIALIST TIMETABLE



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1A	Auslan/ Performing Arts	PE		Visual Arts	Bush
1B	Auslan/ Performing Arts			PE Visual Arts	Bush
1C	Auslan/ Performing Arts	Visual Arts & PE			Bush
1D	Auslan/ Performing Arts	Bush		PE	Visual Arts
1E	Auslan/ Performing Arts	Visual Arts		Bush	PE
1F	Auslan/ Performing Arts	PE		Visual Arts	Bush

## TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

- Week 3  
Friday 13th February NO SCHOOL Curriculum Day
- Week 4  
Wednesday 18th February - Meet and Greet 4:00 - 6:00pm
- Week 6  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Cross Country
- Week 7  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - NO SCHOOL Public Holiday
- Week 7-8: NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5 only)
- Week 10  
Thursday 2nd April - Last day of term 1 2:15pm Finish

## HOMework

In the early years, the objective of homework is to practise and consolidate concepts introduced during class time.

All students will be provided with a Wallan PS school diary. These will be coming home shortly. Each student can use their diary to record all their nights reading and the wonderful books they are reading. The diary also contains activities and tasks families can use to complete homework.

**Reading** - decodable texts that are read every night and signed by adult in Student Learning Diary. Books are changed weekly.

**Numeracy** - complete set tasks on Mathseeds, 10 minutes at least 3 times per week.

